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copy of a declaration of quarantine against Alexandria, Egypt, made by the Government of the Netherlands.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

AMSTERDAM, *May 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a declaration of quarantine against Alexandria.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

SIR: The minister of the interior of the Netherlands, having received official information that the pest prevails at Alexandria, has declared the port of Alexandria infected with pest and fixed the quarantine at ten days.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *May 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Three steamships have been inspected, all for New Orleans, La., the *Sulda* with 1 passenger, the *Jarl* with 2 passengers, and the *Hiram* with 4 passengers. Their baggage, consisting of 11 pieces, has been disinfected under my supervision.

One death has been reported in Bluefields for the week, a native child, of dysentery. The general health of the town and vicinity is good; what cases of malaria exist are most of them easily controlled by the proper administration of quinine.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *May 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended May 19, 1900, and the mortality statistics for the past two weeks.

During the week, 15 pieces of baggage from the Italian steamship *Centro-America* and 6 pieces from the Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz* were disinfected, coming from Panama via Colon. Steamers of these lines carry a large number of steerage passengers from Central and South America in transit for Europe, and it is customary to hold them in nominal quarantine to prevent unnecessary intercourse between these passengers and the shore. This arrangement is well liked by vessel's officers as it saves them much trouble, but still allows them to transact their business, which is usually small in amount. The steamship *Maria*

Herrera arrived disinfected at Santiago, and as she carried no nonimmunes from that port, I admitted the vessel to pratique.

The sanitary condition of the city remains about the same, though the rains have washed off the streets and flushed the few sewers.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended May 19, 1900.

Infectious diseases :		Diseases of the respiratory system.....	13
Tuberculosis.....	13	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	2
Dysentery.....	16	Diseases of the nervous system	2
Malarial fever	9	Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)	49
La grippe	3	Total.....	194
Puerperal fever.....	1		
Typhoid fever	2	Births during same period	85
Tetanus.....	1		
Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	83		

TURKEY.

Plague in Kurdistan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose, for the information of the Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service, copies of 2 dispatches from the vice-consul of the United States at Bagdad, reporting an outbreak of bubonic plague in Kurdistan and transmitting copy of the regulations promulgated by the sanitary authorities at Bagdad.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,

Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure No. 144.]

BAGDAD, *April 26, 1900.*

SIR: In pursuance of my dispatch, No. 141, of April 5, 1900, informing you of the outbreak of a disease near and over the Persian frontier, I have the honor to bring to your knowledge that, according to a circular note, No. 23, dated April 19, 1900, of the local direction sanitaire, the peste bubonique has been ascertained in 8 villages of Kurdistan, in a distance of ten to twenty-three hours from Kirmanshah, and that of 158 cases there were 122 deaths.

Respectfully,

RUDOLPH HURNER,

Vice-Consul of the United States.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 145.]

BAGDAD, *April 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to remit herewith translation of a circular, No. 26, received from the sanitary office of Bagdad.

Respectfully,

RUDOLPH HURNER,

Vice-Consul of the United States.

Hon ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 26.]

BAGDAD, *April 25, 1900.*

Messrs. the consuls:

By decision of the superior council of health the frontier Turco-Persian, known between Ravandooz and Zerbatich these 2 countries understood, is shut for passage of